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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 16, 2002

PETITION OF

CHARLES CITY EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS

CASE NO. PUC-2001-00254

For Extended Local Service from
Verizon Virginia Inc.'s Charles
City Exchange to its Richmond
Exchange

FINAL ORDER

In May 2001, telephone customers in Verizon Virginia Inc.'s ("Verizon Virginia") Charles City Exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to its Richmond Exchange. On November 7, 2001, the Commission's Staff ("Staff") received the Charles City Exchange cost study from Verizon Virginia that was used to estimate the approximate change in monthly rates that would result from the extension of local calling.

On January 7, 2002, the Commission issued an Order directing Verizon Virginia to poll its Charles City Exchange customers to determine whether a majority was willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to Richmond. Verizon Virginia submitted the results of its poll to the Staff on February 1, 2002. The majority of those responding to the poll supported the proposal.

On March 1, 2002, Verizon Virginia submitted the cost study used to determine the monthly rates for extended local calling from the Richmond Exchange to the Charles City Exchange. Because the resulting rate increase for one-party residential customers did not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for the Richmond Exchange, a poll of those customers was not required pursuant to § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

On April 19, 2002, an Order Prescribing Newspaper Notice to customers in the Richmond Exchange was issued allowing them to file comments or requests for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service between Verizon Virginia's Charles City Exchange and its Richmond Exchange shall be implemented.

(2) Verizon Virginia shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed, and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.